



Parish of St. Joseph & St. Benildus and St. Mary's
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NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Lent

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MASSES THIS WEEK

St. Joseph & St. Benildus

Mon 7.30am & 10.30am

Tues 7.30am & 10.30am

Weds 7.30 & 10.30am

Thur 7.30am & 10.30am & 6.30pm

St Patrick's Day 11am

Sat 10.30 am & 6.30pm

Sunday 10.00 am & 12pm

St. Mary's Ballygunner

Thurs Vigil 7pm

St. Patrick's Day 11am

Saturday: 7pm

Sunday: 11am

If you wish to prepare next
Sunday's Readings : 3rd Sun-
day of Lent.

Ex 17:3-7.

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9.

Rm 5:1-2, 5-8.

Jn 4:5-42.

Gospel Reflection for the Second Sunday of Lent Life's Highs and Lows

Today we find Peter James and John grappling with the news that Jesus is destined to be put to death in Jerusalem, and they become deeply demoralised. The disciples are picturing a future that is hopeless and they are left with feelings of helplessness and fear. To rid his disciples of these defeatist feelings, Jesus needs to replace their defeatist thoughts. Jesus replaces the defeatist thoughts with a motivational vision. When the disciples see Jesus transfigured with dazzling light and God's voice booming from the clouds, it is to give them a glimpse of what is to come. This isn't about replacing reality with pretty thoughts; it's about pushing through a pain barrier and being able to see something better on the other side.

If we were to be honest we'd all love to have a motivational mountain top experience ... a glimpse of God to help us through our daily monotonous existence. We'd all love to see clear signs of God working in our lives. A little cynical voice tells us it isn't going to happen! Motivational experiences can happen unexpectedly, in any place and at any time, yet the truth is that most of us soldier on with no such experience.

Could it be that we are simply not open to such an experience? Can we expect to hear from God if we are rarely thinking about him? Can we really expect God to change our lives if we are not open to change? Can we be guided by God if we don't believe we need guidance? Can we find motivation if we're not seeking it? Is it possible to see God's opportunities in our lives if we are not looking for opportunities? Can we catch a glimpse of God if we're not looking?

To change our lives, we first need to sit down and visualise how different life could be if we could only let God in. We need to visualise breaking through our pain barriers to create our own highs.

MASSES

St. Joseph & St. Benildus Church

6.30 pm (Sat)

10.00am (Sun)

12.00pm (Sun)

St Mary's Church

7.00pm (Sat)

11.00am (Sun)

11th/12th Mar 2017

John Hogan

Patrick Joseph O'Shea

Ellen Glasheen

Bernard Hayes

18th/19th Mar 2017

Canon Frank Hopkins

Thea O'Shea
& Michael Power

Tony Power

John Lyons

17ú Márta: Beannachtaí na Féile oraibh go léir.

Last Sunday's Collection

€2,793

*Thank you for your generous offering***Recent Baptisms**

We welcome *Oliver Kurek, Donnacha Barron, Freya Louise Chumbley*, and *Leo Cushen* who were baptised recently. Please keep them, their parents & god-parents in your prayers.

The Faith Journey of the Déise People

Facilitator:

Monsignor Michael Olden.

St.John's Pastoral Centre, Tues 14th March, 7.30pm.

Donation: €5

Lenten Activities

A sheet of suggestions for Lent can be found at the back of the church. The next sheet will be available on 18th/19th March.

Prayer Group: Meeting every Wednesday at 8.15pm

St.Joseph & St.Benildus Parish Centre. Why not come along and join us? All are welcome.

Morning Prayer Group : Prayer & Praise

A Morning Prayer Group—Prayer & Praise—takes place every Thursday in the Parish Centre attached to St.Joseph & St.Benildus Church, shortly after the 10.30am Mass. The session lasts approx one hour. All welcome.

Lá Gaeilge: Irish Language & Culture Day 16th March, 2017

10.00 An tEaspag Cullinan, The History of St.Patrick.

11.00 Joe Falvey, Local Place-names.

13.00-14.00 WIT Students & Friends, Trad Music concert.

14.00 Carmel Cummins, Irish Poetry writing workshop.

*View Jasmine Smuth's Art Exhibit all day.***Bain úsáid as do chuid Gaeilge—**

Use whatever Irish you have on the 16th !

WIT Auditorium.

Readings of Holy Week Facilitator: Fr.Michael Mullins, D.D.

St.John's Pastoral Centre, John's Hill, Waterford. Thursday 23rd & 30th March, 7.30pm. Over two evenings, Fr.Michael will reflect on the scripture readings for Holy Week. Donation €5, including light refreshments.

Volunteers in Africa.

Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 15 June 2017. the volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Support and supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, crafts, or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. Contact Denis, Humanitarian volunteers, 086 852 0271.

Renewal Weekend for Eucharistic Adoration: Coming to your parish on March 25th & 26th. There will be a presentation at all Masses on Eucharistic Adoration.

International Fatima Conference

Fatima and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. 1917-2017, Celebrating the Jubilee Centenary. Friday May 19th (6.45-9.45pm). Saturday, May 20th (All day, 8.45am—6.30pm) Sheerwater Hotel, Ballinasloe, Galway. 090 963 0400. Entrance €50. Book online or pay on registration.

St.Patrick's Day Masses

There will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday 16th March in the Church of St.Joseph & St.Benildus at 6.30pm, and in St.Mary's at 7pm. On St.Patrick's Day, Mass will be celebrated in both churches at 11am.

Lenten Presentations

Please note that the next in the series of Lenten Presentations will be on **Weds 23rd March at 7.30pm** in the Parish Centre, beside the church of St.Joseph & St.Benildus. Details in next week's newsletter.

Lenten Garden

We hope that you will be able to stop for a moment and pray at our Lenten Garden, located to the right of the main door of St.Joseph & St.Benildus as you leave the building. You will notice the Sharing Cross. You are invited to remove a nail from the Cross, pray for the person who inserted the nail, and then place a nail for your own intentions. The Gospel theme for each Sunday is highlighted on a poster, and will be displayed until the following Sunday. The overall message is to remind us that renewal is the primary theme of Lent.

Welcome Fr.Jose

Fr.Jose Kadankavil S.J., is a Jesuit from Kerala in India. He has come to the Diocese at the invitation of Bishop Cullinan, and will assist in our Parish and in the Cathedral. He will reside in St.John's Presbytery, New Street. We pray that his ministry in our Parish will be most fruitful.

*Please pray for the following who died recently***Paddy O'Neill,***Those who died about a month ago***Maura O'Sullivan, Maeve Farrell***And those whose anniversaries or birthdays occur:***Jack & Elizabeth Walsh, Linda Grace,****Nicholas Flynn, Eileen Falconer, Peter Powell,****Sophie Hopkins, Richard Morgan.**

Newsletter Notes: This Newsletter welcomes any notices presented for non-profit making events, subject to certain conditions. Items for inclusion may be handed into the sacristy at St Joseph & St Benildus Church. **The deadline, however, is every Wednesday at 10.00 a.m.** We are particularly grateful to **Intercom** for resources used in this publication. All details included in this issue were correct at time of going to print.